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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2020, was 126,000 head, an increase of 4 percent from 2019, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 100,000 head, was up 6,000 head from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 26,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from last year. The 2019 Ohio lamb crop was 95,000 head, up 7,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, at 87,000 head, was up 8,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2019 was 505,000 pounds, an increase of 10 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.48 per pound, an increase of \$0.08 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$242,000, 32 percent above the 2018 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2019 was 24.0 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$1.89 per pound for a total value of 45.4 million dollars, up 6 percent from 42.8 million dollars in 2018.

As of January 1, 2020, there were 11,000 milk goats in Ohio, down 1,000 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 43,000 head, 2,000 below the January 1, 2019, inventory.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Meat and other goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	121	126	5,230	5,200
Breeding sheep and lambs	94	100	3,820	3,810
Ewes	72	77	3,000	2,980
Rams	6	6	170	170
Replacement lambs	16	17	650	660
Total market sheep and lambs	27	26	1,410	1,390
Previous year's lamb crop	88	95	3,235	3,230

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	137	130
Milk	12	11	430	440
Meat and other	45	43	2,055	2,090

(NA) Not available.

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